

(The Humane Society of the United States, ASPCA, and nearly 500 California veterinarians endorse Prop 12.

Voting YES prevents baby veal calves, mother pigs, and egg-laying hens from being crammed inside tiny cages for their entire lives. It will eliminate inhumane and unsafe products from these abused animals from the California marketplace.

Voting YES reduces the risk of people being sickened by food poisoning and factory farm pollution, and helps family farmers.

VOTE YES ON PROP 12 TO:

PREVENT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. It's cruel to confine a baby calf in a tiny cage. Taken away from his mother shortly after birth, he's confined in that abusive way until he's sent to slaughter—at just four months old.

(A mother pig shouldn't be locked in a tiny, metal cage where she can barely move. She's trapped, forced to live in this small amount of space for *nearly four years*.

It's wrong to cram a hen tightly in an overcrowded, wire cage for her entire life. She's forced to eat, sleep, defecate, and lay eggs in the same small space every single day.

PROTECT OUR FAMILIES FROM FOOD POISONING AND FACTORY FARM POLLUTION. In the past decade, there have been recalls of nearly a billion eggs from caged chickens because they carried deadly *Salmonella*. Scientific studies repeatedly find that packing animals in tiny, filthy cages increases the risk of food poisoning. Even *Poultry World*, a leading egg industry publication admitted, "*Salmonella thrives in caged housing*."

(That's why the *Center for Food Safety* and *National Consumers League* both endorse YES on Prop 12.

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The American Public Health Association called for a moratorium on new animal confinement operations because they pollute the air and ground water, and diminish the quality of life for nearby homeowners.

HELP FAMILY FARMERS AND GROW THE CALIFORNIA ECONOMY. Mega-factory farms that cage animals cut corners and drive family farmers out of business. By voting YES on Prop 12 we can create sensible standards that keep family farmers in business—and allow them to grow. Since cage-free farms employ more workers, this measure would create *more jobs* for hardworking farming families.

That's why *California family farmers* and the *United Farm Workers* endorse Prop 12.

A COMMON-SENSE REFORM

- Prop 12 strengthens a decade-old animal cruelty law and provides ample phase-in time for producers to shift to cage-free practices.
- Over 200 major food companies like *Walmart, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Burger King, Safeway, and Dollar Tree* have committed to using cage-free products.
- A dozen states have passed laws addressing the cruel caging of farm animals.
- The YES vote is endorsed by *Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist, Jewish, Evangelical, and Unitarian* faith leaders, and *local animal shelters across California*.

We wouldn't force our dog or cat to live in a filthy, tiny cage for her whole life; we shouldn't allow any animal to endure such suffering either. All animals, including farm animals, deserve protection from cruelty and abuse.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 12

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